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#### U.S. Embassy Macedonia Newsletter







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#### Embassy Message on Observance of Ramadan

The U.S. Embassy conveys best wishes for the observance of Ramadan. In a letter to Reis-Ul-Ulema Hajji ef. Sulejman Rexhepi, Ambassador Wohlers extended his greetings to all Muslims in Macedonia as they begin



to observe the holy month of Ramadan. "Ramadan is a time when ... more.

#### U.S. - Macedonia Judge Mentorship Program

As part of the U.S.-Macedonia Judge Mentorship Program, three U.S. judges observed implementation of the new Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) in



Macedonian courts, and advised Macedonian judges on how to cope with major challenges.

#### **Trafficking in Persons Report 2014**

As required by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), the TIP Report assesses government ef-



forts around the world to combat modern slavery. This year's Report, the 14th installment, includes narratives for 188 countries and territories, including the United States. <u>Story</u>

## The U.S. Embassy's Second Energy Forum

U.S. Ambassador Paul
Wohlers highlighted the importance of energy security and energy



diversity for Macedonia at the U.S. Embassy's Second Energy Forum. More than 15 local and regional experts shared their thoughts on energy security, energy diversity, regional cooperation, and natural gas supply for Macedonia and the region, provoking lively discussions.

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#### U.S. Helps Renovate Primary School in Kocani

U.S. Navy Captain David Bustamante joined Deputy Minister of Education and Science Safet Neziri, Mayor of Kocani Municipality Ratko Dimitrovski, and



Director of Nikola Karev Primary School Vlado Andov to celebrate the completion of renovation at the Nikola Karev Primary School...

# NATO Foreign Ministers Agree Alliance Is Open to New Members

At a NATO ministerial meeting in Brussels, foreign ministers agree to keep the doors of membership open and to continue support for Ukraine and Afghanistan...more.

#### <u>Trafficking Report Is 'Call to Action' to End</u> <u>Modern Slavery</u>

Announcing the release of the State Department's 2014 Trafficking in Persons Report, Secretary Kerry says all countries, including the United States, "need to try harder and do more" to end what he described as perhaps the greatest threat to human dignity and basic freedom...more.

## Kerry Calls for United Action Plan to Protect Oceans

"The U.S. Secretary of State calls for a comprehensive international plan to restore the health and vitality of the world's oceans...more.

## Fulbright Program Competition for the 2015-2016 Academic Year is Now Open

(Deadline: November 1, 2014), The 2015-2016 Application for the Fulbright Scholar Program (Post-Doctoral) in the United States (NON-DEGREE). This is a joint program of the U.S. Department of State and the Government of Macedonia.

# NATO, Partners Mark 20th Anniversary of Partnership for Peace

The Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Partnership for Peace,...more.

### World Should Act to End Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones

Preventing sexual violence in armed conflict is a matter of international peace and security, says State Department Ambassador-at-Large-for-Global Women's Issues...more.

## Louisiana's Historic Earthworks Designated World Heritage Site

The World Heritage Committee of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization designate the prehistoric Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point...more.

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#### **American Corner Macedonia**



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The purpose of the Corners is to provide free information to the general public about the United States through books, magazines, CD-ROMs, and complimentary access to the Internet. There is a specialized area for information about anti-trafficking and anti-terrorism efforts.

The Corners also host a wide variety of events: such as cultural programs and guest lectures from U.S. Embassy officials, Fulbright scholars, and others, film and video showings, poetry readings, conversational hours, Readers Club, children's story hours, and many other activities.

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